

# **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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## **Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Administrative Committee will hold meetings on June 27–29, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, PR 00918–2577; telephone: (809) 766–5926.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held at the Conference Room of the Point Pleasant Resort, in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will hold its 85th regular public meeting to discuss the Draft Coastal Pelagics Fishery Management Plan, among other topics.

The Council will convene on June 28, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on June 29, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 noon.

The Administrative Committee will meet on June 27, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., to discuss administrative matters regarding Council operations.

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or requests for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, at the above address and telephone number, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 2, 1995.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## **Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of its Mississippi/Louisiana Habitat Protection Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 20, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Inn New Orleans Airport, 2150 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Kenner, LA.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard J. Hoogland, Biologist; telephone: 813–228–2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss Louisiana State University's Sea Grant Program grants, the Corps of Engineers' Mississippi River diversion and barrier islands studies, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources' approach to wetland restoration, updates on marsh management studies by the Office of Biological Survey and NMFS, update on the Corps of Engineers' Marsh Management Environmental Impact Statement, and a review of coastal projects in Mississippi.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Julie Krebs at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 13, 1995.

Dated: June 5, 1995.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## **Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and availability of biomass estimate for the northern anchovy fishery.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Coastal Pelagic Species Plan Development Team and Advisory Subpanel will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 21, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NMFS Southwest Regional Office, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Glock, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 326–6352; Jim Morgan, NMFS, (310) 980–4036; or Svein Fougner, NMFS, (310) 980–4034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the biomass estimate for northern anchovy for the 1995 fishing season and the draft coastal pelagic species fishery management plan (FMP). At the meeting, the estimated spawning biomass will be presented with an overview of historical abundance, quotas available for harvest will be announced, and public comments will be received. Also, the subpanel will review the edited FMP and may develop additional comments for the Council on final adoption of the document.

All materials relating to the annual quotas will be forwarded to the Council and its Scientific and Statistical Committee and will be available for public inspection at the NMFS Office of the Regional Director in Long Beach. The final quotas will be published in the **Federal Register** on or about August 1, 1995, with an opportunity for public comment. The draft FMP will be available in mid-June.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Michelle Sailer at (503) 326–6352, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 2, 1995.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## **Endangered Species; Permits**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of modification 1 to permit 895 (P504D), an amendment of permit 947 (P504F), and modification 4 to permit 848 (P507D).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued modifications to permits and an amendment to a permit authorizing takes of listed species for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Department of Defense and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, F/NWO3, NMFS, 525 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Modification 1 to permit 895, the amendment of permit 947, and modification 4 to permit 848 were issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

On May 22, 1995, modification 1 to enhancement permit 895 was issued by NMFS to the Corps (P504D). Permit 895 authorizes a take of juvenile Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), juvenile Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and juvenile Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with the barge transport of outmigrating juvenile anadromous fish past numerous hydroelectric projects on the Columbia and Snake Rivers to below Bonneville Dam.

Modification 1 to permit 895 authorizes an increase in the take of these listed juvenile fish associated with barge transportation in 1995 only, because the number of juvenile outmigrants appears to be higher than expected this year. This could be due to a greater overwinter survival of parr. Modification 1 to Permit 895 is valid for 1995 only. Permit 895 expires on December 31, 1998.

On May 23, 1995, an amendment to scientific research permit 947 was issued by NMFS to the Corps (P504F). Permit 947 authorizes a take of juvenile, listed, artificially-propagated, Snake

River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a turbine passage survival study at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in Washington. The purpose of the research is to determine the immediate and delayed (48-120 hour) survival rates of run-of-the-river chinook salmon smolts passing through a turbine at the dam under different locations and operating conditions.

The amendment of permit 947 allows Corps researchers to conduct their research during periods when the hydropower turbine units are operating outside of peak efficiency levels. Out-of-peak efficiency tests will provide necessary information for calibrating the Corps' Lower Granite Dam turbine model. Data on the survival of fish passing through turbines during such times will also be beneficial for use in future risk analyses. This amendment is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 947 expires on August 31, 1995.

On May 19, 1995, modification 4 to scientific research and enhancement permit 848 was issued by NMFS to WDFW (P507D). Permit 848 authorizes a take of adult and juvenile, listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) from the Tucannon River in Washington for scientific research and supplementation of the wild stock. The research includes the application of radio tags and passive integrated transponder tags and the conduct of morphometric, meristic, pathologic, electrophoretic, snorkeling, electrofishing, and spawning surveys. Permit 848 also authorizes releases of the progeny of the listed adult salmon collected for broodstock.

Modification 4 to permit 848 authorizes the retention of all of the listed adult salmon that return to the Tucannon Hatchery adult trap in 1995 if the total adult returns to the trap in 1995 is less than 105 fish. The 1995 forecast for total adult returns to the trap is 19-25. Monitoring and evaluations have shown about a three-to-one survival advantage for fish reared in the hatchery as compared to natural production. Based on this large survival advantage, and the fact that natural production has been at less than replacement levels in recent years, this level of adult take in 1995 and any subsequent artificially-propagated progeny production of these fish, will serve to perpetuate the listed species. WDFW must confer with NMFS as to the disposition of the listed adult fish retained in 1995 prior to the spawning of these fish. This adult retention strategy is valid for 1995 only.

Also for modification 4, WDFW is authorized for an increase in the annual take of listed juvenile salmon associated with their smolt trapping and monitoring research. The increase is necessary because WDFW researchers are now emphasizing the collection of marked hatchery fish to evaluate their outplanting program. In addition, higher than usual river flows in 1995 have resulted in higher trapping efficiencies and thus, a higher take associated with research. The increased take of listed juvenile fish is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 848 expires on March 31, 1998.

Issuance of these permit actions, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Dated: June 2, 1995.

**Russell J. Bellmer,**

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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### Endangered Species; Permits

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of a modification request (P555).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Mark Bain of Cornell University (P555) has requested Modification 1 to Permit 885 to take listed shortnose sturgeon for the purpose of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before July 10, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250).